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CHESS TOURNAMENTS

November 4-5, 1995-Capa Caper Open-Crookston, MN

December 9, 1995-Grand Forks Holiday Open-UND Memorial Union

January 20, 1996-Deep Freeze Open-UND Memorial Union

February 24, 1996-Northern Plains Open-UND Memorial Union

March 23, 1996-Harbingers of Spring Open-UND Memorial Union

April 13-14, 1996-ND Scholastic-Kelly Inn-Bismarck, ND

May 3-5, 1996-ND Closed-Kelly Inn-Bismarck, ND

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GRAND FORKS HOLIDAY OPEN

December 9, 1995 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, Memorial Student Union, Sioux Room on second floor. Registration at 9:30 AM--Rounds at 10, 2 & 6. Time controls are 40/90 and 15/30. Entry fee is \$10.00. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & Best Under 1500. Contact John Allensworth, 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237--701-352-0352.

DEEP FREEZE OPEN

January 20, 1996 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, Memorial Student Union, Sioux Room on second floor. Registration at 9:30 AM--Rounds at 10, 2 & 6. Time controls are 40/90 and 15/30. Entry fee is \$10.00. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & Best Under 1500. Contact John Allensworth, 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237--701-352-0352.

NORTHERN PLAINS OPEN

February 24, 1996 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, Memorial Student Union, Sioux Room on second floor. Registration at 9:30 AM--Rounds at 10, 2 & 6. Time controls are 40/90 and 15/30. Entry fee is \$10.00. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & Best Under 1500. Contact John Allensworth, 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237--701-352-0352.

HARBINGERS OF SPRING OPEN

March 23, 1996 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, Memorial Student Union, Sioux Room on second floor. Registration at 9:30 AM--Rounds at 10, 2 & 6. Time controls are 40/90 and 15/30. Entry fee is \$10.00. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & Best Under 1500. Contact John Allensworth, 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237--701-352-0352.

CAPA CAPER OPEN

November 4-5, 1995. Grand Prix Enhanced 10 points.

5 rounds, SS, Guaranteed Prize Fund \$600. Projected Prize Fund of \$750. Time controls G1=90, G2-5=120 minutes/player. USCF Sudden Death rules will apply.
Site: Northland Inn, Highway 75 North (behind Pizza Hut which is at 2315 N. Acres Drive) Crookston, MN (218)281-5210. Rooms available at reasonable rates.

Registration 9:15-9:30 am November 4th

Rounds= 9:45 am 1 pm, 6 pm November 4th and 10 am, 2:30 pm November 5th

Prizes- 1st= \$175, 2nd= \$105, 3rd= \$70. \$50 to winner of each section--Expert/A, B, C, D, E & Unrated.

EF=\$20 Advance entries are \$15. Send advance entries to Mr. John Winters, Elm Street Inn, 422 Elm Street, Crookston, MN 56716 Phone 1-800-279-4214. Bed and breakfast accommodations are available at the Elm Street Inn on a limited basis. Call early for reservations

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM

by John H. Leitel

Let's do something different this time: not just another installment in North Dakota chess history but rather a response to something in the previous issue.

The August issue of this journal mentioned that Humphrey Bogart, well-known Hollywood tough guy, helped eke out his living by hustling chess games in New York's play-for-pay emporiums during his Broadway days of the 1930's. What was not mentioned, and we'll get to that in a moment, is that one of those game scores has survived! At least it was reputed to have been played by Bogart. As with other games supposedly played by the rich and famous--Napoleon, Pope John Paul II, President Woodrow Wilson, and others-- their authenticity can probably never be verified.

What is known, though, is that Bogart was greatly interested in chess throughout his life and was almost certainly the strongest player among the Hollywood film community of the 1940's and 50's. But that may not be saying much, however, in view of the fact that few of his opponents were serious players -- mostly just fellow actors. Bogart himself never played in any sort of tournament, but some have felt he might have aspired to expert strength, or close to it, had he done so. At one time he was a USCF member, though, and allowed his name to be used as a figure-head, in the guise of a USCF director for California. There is little evidence, however, that he really did such work on USCF's behalf, simply enjoying skittles games between takes.

Well, judge for yourself. some other Bogart games have been given in Chess Life in recent years. This one was quoted by Claude Bloodgood in the APCT News Bulletin, January 1976. It was allegedly played at New York sometime in the 1930's. Bogart, playing in true coffeehouse fashion, adopts a dubious gambit but eventually crashes through with an attack on the king.

White=Humphrey Bogart

Black=Anonymous

1. d4 Nf6 2. g4 Nxg4 3. f3 Nf6 4. e4 d6 5. Be3 g6 6. Nc3 Bg7 7. Qd2
Nc6 8. O-O-O O-O 9. Bd3 e5 10. d5 Nb4 11. Bc4 a5 12. a3 Na6 13. h4
Nh5 14. Nge2 f5 15. Bg5 Bf6 16. f4 exf4 17. Nxf4 Nxf4 18. Qxf4 fxe4
19. Bh6 Re8 20. Nxe4 Bg7 21. Bxg7 Kxg7 22. h5 Bf5 23. hxg6 Bxg6
24. Qh6+ Kg8 25. Rdg1 Qe7 26. Rxc6+ hxg6 27. Qh8+ Kf7 28. Rh7++

EDITORIAL

I would like to thank the McClusky Chess Club for their help with the last two issues of the newsletter. Also I would like to thank one our newest NDCA members, Chris Mulligan, for his submission of Mah System, a humorous look at chess openings! Thanks also go out to John Leitel for the articles on chess history he has been writing for the NDCA newsletter.

MAH SYSTEM : Chess Theories of Bubba, S.C.'s Unnoficial Trailor Park Chess Champion
By Chris Mulligan, an insignificant nobody

CHAPTER 1 : Introdukshun

Howdy! Mah names Bubba and ah shore am proud to be writing this here and having ya'll reading it. First of all, for all you eggheads out there using that there algebra notation system. Ah aint gonna do it! Now don't go gettin' yore shorts in an uproar. Ah aint trying to be ornery or anything. It's just that ah never larned me none of that there algebra before ah gragudated the fourth grade. Now that ah'v said all that, let's get on with it.

CHAPTER 2 : AWESOME OPENINGS

Howdy! In this here part of mah book ah'm a gonna be talking about the openings. Now ah'v said it before and ah'll say it again, the opening is the most important part of a game of chess! Don't believe me? Fine then; just go ahead and try playing a game without making a first move. Ah reckon that shut up all you doubting Thomases.

Now don't go worrying that ah'm a gonna go boring ya'll talking about all them there old, wore out openings like the Ruy Lopez, Giuoco Piano, or The English Opening. Ah'v got good reasons too. First, ah don't speak Spanish, second, ah can't play the piano, third, after beating the English in the Revolution why the heck should ah play their opening, and finally, but most importantly, all these here cheap furriner openings is putting good, hard-working American openings out of business. Play American! That's what ah say.

The first opening ah'm agonna talk about is one ah came up with mahself and first used (to great effect) in the 1991 Hillside Trailer Park Sixth Annual Buddweiser/Jack Daniels Chess Tournament and U.F.O. Sighting Competition. Thanks to this opening; which ah call The Buddweiser, ah won the tournament's first prize; a velvet portrait of Elvis (Presley, not Costello you ignormant heathens), and a six-pack of beer. For the curious, the winner of the U.F.O. Sighting Competition was Mrs. Elly Mae Bodine with her tragic, heart-breaking essay "I Was A Martian Love Slave". Ah always did figure her younguns was a little odd.

Well sorry folks. It look's like ah'v jabbered on too long and done run out of time for now. So next time ah'll show ya'll mah tournament game against Jo Bob Watson; of Pig Holler, S.C., in which ah first used The Buddweiser. Then, since the interkacy's of top-level tournament play might be a little to high-brow for some of ya'll, ah'll show a game against mah four yr. old girl, Bubbette. Thank's for reading and ah'll see ya'll again next time.

DOG DAYS OPEN
AUGUST 12, 1995

	NAME	PRE-RATE	PST-RATE	RD #1	RD#2	RD#3	RD#4	TOTAL
1	CASE, RICK	1900	1909	W7	D6	W2	U	2.5
2	SPIESS, ROBERT JA	1853	1855	W4	W3	L1	U	2.0
3	THOMPSON, BRIAN E	1778	1781	W8	L2	W6	U	2.0
4	PEPLINSKI, DAN	1495	1506	L2	W9	W8	U	2.0
5	HJELSETH, MICHAEL	1322	1358	L6	W7	W8	U	2.0
6	JORGENSEN, JON	1716	1714	W5	D1	L3	U	1.5
7	SAILER, DALE R	1503	1500	L1	L5	W9	U	1.0
8	ALLENSWORTH, JOHN	1338	1320	L3	W9	L4	L5	1.0
9	SAILER, JON	1210	1189	L4	L8	L7	U	0.0

U=UNPLAYED

MAH SYSTEM : Chess Theories of Bubba, S.C.'s Unofficial Trailer Park Chess Champion
By Chris Mulligan, an insignificant nobody

Howdy! It's me again, Bubba. In this here, ah'm a gonna pick up where ah left of last time in chapter 2 of mah book. As promised ah'm gonna show ya'll mah opening, The Buddweiser.

As ah said, ah first used The Buddweiser in mah tournament game against Jo Bob Watson; of Pig Holler, S.C... For those of ya'll looking for a new and suprising opening, here it is, and what a suprise it was.

1991 Hillside Trailer Park Sixth Annual Buddweiser/Jack Daniels Chess Tournament and U.F.O. Sighting Competition, Round 1

White: Bubba Black: Jo Bob Watson (of Pig Holler, S.C.)

1. P-K5!! There it is, in all it's glory; The Buddweiser. Now ah know what ya'll are thinking. First, there are them of ya'll who share mah vision and are thinking "Wow! That there's brilliant. Now why didn't ah think of that?". Then there are them old fuddy-duddy, Miss Goody Two-Shoes out there thinking "Hey! You can't do that there. It aint right.". Well, all ah'v got to say to them folks is that any moves fair if'n ya get yore opponent snookered enough.
1. ...P-Q4?! Jo Bob, despite being stunned by the beauty of mah move makes a move which appears good on the surface, trying to get ahold of his fair share of the center. Now, there is a French move called "ant pissant" which would allow me to take his Queen Pawn, but Jo Bob know's ahm a good 'ol boy that don't believe in doing none of that there French stuff with somebody ah aint even married to. Mah third move show's what makes this'un a mistake.
2. Q-R5!! This here move demonstrates Bubba's First Rule of Chess; "Since yore Queens the strongest piece, ya got to get it out as fast as ya can so ya can attack yore opponent with it.". This move also threatens P-K6, followed by QxBP checkmate! What's so purty about this threat is that when ah go P-K6, the black Bishop Pawn can't take it because it's got what's called a "pin" put on it by mah Queen. This here's kinda like a wrastlin pin since it means it can't move, not that ya can poke somebody with it.
2. ...N-KR3! A sharp move by Jo Bob. Recovering a little from the Everclear ah slipped in his whiskey, he sees mah threat and does this so's he can take mah Queen if ah take his Pawn. Smart's like this is why he was the 1990 tournament champion.
3. B-N5+! This here move take's advantage of black's move 1 mistake, and illustrates Bubba's Second Rule of Chess; "Every time ya get a chance to check yore opponent, do it! 'Cause it scares him and it's fun.".
3. ...P-QB3! The master of defense finds a brilliant counter to mah attack not only blocking mah Bishop but attacking it also. Doggone, he's good!
4. B-R4 Keeping one of them there pins on that Pawn.
4. ...N-Q2? Not just breaking mah pin but attacking mah Pawn. What he forgot though was the pin on his other Pawn.
5. P-K6! N-N1! Being attacked his own self he moves back, demonstrating Bubba's Third Rule of Chess; "Unless ya can check the King, put a pin on something, or got some other good reason, ya should keep yore pieces on their starting rank where they're safe. Except; of course, for yore Queen which ya gotta get out like mah first rule say's.".
6. P-QB3 A defensive move letting mah Bishop have room to run if it gets an attack or something put on it. Ya can't be too careful against players as tough as Jo Bob Watson (of Pig Holler, S.C.).
6. ...Q-N3 Obviously, he knows mah rules.
7. QxQP PxP? Hurting from the loss of a Pawn, he makes a common but fatal reply.
8. Q-KR5+!! At this point Jo Bob resigns, having been obviously outplayed. What a game!

Ah realize some of this may have been a little deep, so next time ah'll show ya'll a game between me and Bubbette, mah baby girl. Then on to some more openings and more of mah wisdom. Well, that's all for now folks. Just remember, read mah book, larn mah rules, and maybe you can be as good as me someday. Thank's for reading, and ah'll see ya'll again nex't time.

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